

Appl. No. 09/774,968  
Amdt. Dated 12/10/2004  
Response to Office action dated 09/08/2004

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-25, and 30-32 are pending. No new matter has been added.

Claims 26-29 and 33-40 have been canceled, notwithstanding the belief that these claims were allowable. Claims 26-29 and 33-40 have been canceled to narrow the outstanding issues for appeal.


***Conclusion***

In view of all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for appeal.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to answer any questions or to discuss steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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